

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 33-43

Emily Curran
Pew Bible pgs. 90-91

ANTHEM

"The Lord's Prayer"

Teri Thornton and Norman Gibbons
arr. by Jo D. and George Andrews

SCRIPTURE

John 21: 1-17

Pew Bible pgs. 115-116

SERMON

"Easter People"

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #469 (Hymnal)*

"Morning Has Broken"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Butler

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Praise we sign to thee"

attr. F. J. Haydn
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

"Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #302 (Hymnal)*

"I Danced in the Morning"

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE*

Voluntary in D Major: "Andante"

John Stanley
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator.

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! “Worship bags” containing quiet activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Friends, as we prepare to worship please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. Either refrain from wearing perfume or lessening the amount of perfume worn to church on Sundays. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness. We are also considering designating a “perfume free area” of the sanctuary.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of my husband, Jack Huff by Jane Huff.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeters are Earl Davison and Marie Perrine.

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Heidi Knowlton and Hennie Sushereba.

Prayer Chain If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the “chain” of church members, who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please call the church office at 609/395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Margo and Larry Wegner.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Peg Dubell; Warren Moore; and Bob Smith.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain’s mother, Joan Stiles; the family and friends of Marge Bloom due to her death; CPNS Board Member, Chris Cenci; Jean Dunham’s sister, Pat; Joan Fraser’s friend, Rev. Greg Keosaiian; Paul & Janet Furchak’s nephew, Bobby Hennessy; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Mark Hughes’ grandmother, Olga Zelder; CPNS Teacher, Kathy Iorio and family due to the death of her father; Leah Moy’s friend, JoAnn Post; Fran Stewart’s father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults’ granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation’s service.

Prayer Requests in the Bulletin: *In order to keep the prayer request list up to date we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.*

Please be sure to **sign** the “**Pipeline to Session**” cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give “kudos” as well!

Birthday of Distinction: Don Winchell on April 20. **Happy Birthday!**

APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee members would like to ask the members of the congregation to keep our team in their prayers as we move forward during the process of selection of a new Associate Pastor. Prayers for guidance, wisdom and unity from the Holy Spirit in leading us to the perfect match for our needs will be much appreciated.

Thank you, In Christ's Service,

Jo D. Andrews, Courtney Brown, Jane Curran, Bea Davison, Charles Ill, Mike Kasper, Jennifer Kong, Janice Luffey, Vicki Waciega, and Diane Yeager.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School: We are already getting all ramped up with excitement here getting ready for VBS 2015!!

Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Youth Director, Brett Butler and VBS Coordinator, Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to help with the planning and organization for VBS and we are looking for team members!

We are looking for the following volunteers to help work together with our leaders:

- 3 - Volunteers to help with Staffing
- 2 - Volunteers to help with Advertising
- 1 – Volunteer to help with Registration
- 1 – Volunteer to help organize a Decorating Team
- 1 – Volunteer to help with the Mission Project

Please feel free to email anyone of us (firstpressuz@comcast.net, bbutler532@gmail.com and/or ckhazem@gmail.com), if you are interested in being a small part of this amazing adventure!

VBS 2015 Everest! Join us from July 27 to July 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an awesome and unforgettable VBS experience!

At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God’s mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned.

Registration is \$27 per child for the whole week! It’s easy and fast, just visit this website to register today!

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cranbury

Cranbury Men’s Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.): All men are invited to join us in the church office. Please contact Brett Butler for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Adult Retreat Coming Up In May! Imagine yourself relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ while deepening your faith along with others from our church family.

Our upcoming Annual Adult Retreat will take place this year on May 1 and May 2. We are blessed to have the Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates lead us in reflection and discussion as we consider the biblical teachings of Jesus and how they guide us in our lives today. How does Jesus speak to us and how do we respond?

This year marks the 28th year anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it’s like now is a wonderful time to find out. To those of you who have attended in the past, we hope you’ll join us again.

Look for more info and sign ups in upcoming weeks. Look for the sign up table during coffee hour in fellowship hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. Barbara Santoro will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbecher (Mrs. K) or call her at 732-521-2026.

CPNS

The parents and families of our 4/5-year-old children are in the process of registering their children for Kindergarten, it's that time a year again. It can be a stressful time for families as their children begin a new era in their lives. In an interesting article CPNS posted on Facebook; like us if you haven't already; they found that "play is essential in kindergarten – in fact for any child under the age of 5. Through play, children build literacy skills they need to be successful readers. By speaking to each other in socio-dramatic play, children use the language they heard adults read to them or say. This process enables children to find the meaning in those words" (Dianemarie, 2014). These are important learning opportunities that we at CPNS can share with our children. If you are interested in reading more of the article, and are not on Facebook it could be found at <https://truthabouteducation.wordpress.com/2014/03/06/the-disturbing-transformation-of-kindergarten/>. If you need a hard copy stop by my office, I would be happy to share it with you.

We are currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year, as well as our Pre-Summer and Summer Programs. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the opportunity to send their child to our Christian preschool. Ask them to e-mail or call me for a private tour of our school. We look forward to sharing our wonderful school with the families of our church and our local community. Registration forms can be found on our church website, or at CPNS.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

April Wish-List for Skeet's Pantry: Our pantry is looking healthy again, thanks to everyone's generosity. Nevertheless, there are still some empty spaces on our shelves. We are in particular need of the following:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly – especially the Jelly!
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce – especially the Sauce!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: Youth Works, a national Christian summer outreach organization, began working with Steubenville, WV young people in 2007 and had by 2008 become a spiritual partner with First Westminster. Starting with a small group of children in the downtown area, the summer program has grown to over 600 kids each summer who can't wait for the program to begin. Out of this work came Soles for Christ, a program in which First Westminster provided shoes to children in need through the local schools. The congregation also developed an after-school tutoring program and during the school year, members follow up with the children who participated in the Youth Works summer program.

Federal Government Programs to Relieve Hunger: We are horrified to realize that there are nearly 16 million --one in five--children in our wealthy nation who live in households that struggle to put food on the table. With Skeet's Pantry we try to do our bit, but only one out of every 20 grocery bags that feed people who are hungry come from church food pantries and other private charities. Federal nutrition programs, from school meals to SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) provide the rest. These programs include: National School Lunch Program which serves 21.5 million low-income children; School Breakfast Program provides for 11.2 million low income children; Summer Food Service Program in which 2.4 million children in 2013 took part; Child and Adult Care Food Program, assisting 3.4 million children; and WIC Program which sustains 8.3 million low-income pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 5.

Our Annual BREAD FOR THE WORLD Offering of Letters will have as its theme FEED OUR CHILDREN, emphasizing that these listed programs be sustained. Plan to join us on May 17 and sign your letters to our Senators and Congresswoman.

OUTREACH

Looking for a Church Home? We began our New Member Class this morning with Pastor Lou and members of the Session. Our next two classes are on April 26 and May 3.

This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a member of our church. We are a congregation which offers members of all age's opportunities to join in fellowship and expand their faith experiences.

The class will begin at 9:15 a.m. on April 19 and April 26 in the library and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 3 with breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office at 609/395-0897 to join the class or for additional information.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: April 20, April 23, April 27, April 30, May 4, May 7, May 11, May 14, May 18

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 4/19 (Team #2) – 4/26 (Team #3)

	Week Ended 4/12/15
Weekly Offering	\$8,360
YTD Offerings	\$150,600
YTD Expenses	\$115,698
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$34,902
YTD Per Capita	\$4,540
	% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 21%

Session is asking for your help in supporting our ministry by covering the cost of our "per capita" assessment as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The amount of this assessment is \$35.30 per active member. The per capita is paid for by all active members, including youth who have been confirmed.

What is the Per Capita? The per capita is an annual assessment paid by all presbyteries to synod and General Assembly in order to fund the operating and administrative expenses of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per capita pays for services and resources offered by Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly for use by congregations. The total assessment for our Church in 2015 is \$21,286. Of this amount, Monmouth Presbytery is required to remit \$2,412 to the Synod of the Northeast and \$4,263 to the General Assembly of PC (USA), the remainder, or \$14,611, is retained in our Presbytery.

WORSHIP

Flower Openings: We have two openings in May - Sunday May 17 and May 31. If you are interested, please call Diane Smith at 609-890-0822. Thanks.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 19, 2015

9:15a New Member Class – Lib.
9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour and youth group fundraiser (Bake Sale for Malawi)
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
2:00p Annual Women's Retreat returns **VAN**
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
4p-9p Mercer Area District Recognition Dinner-FH/KIT
5:30p– 8p Sr. High Youth Group-**VAN**
8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office

April 20, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
1:30p Martha's Circle – Lib.
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p CPNS Board Meeting – Lib.
7:15p APNC Mtg – Rm 10
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

April 21, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
7:30p Session Meeting - FH
7:30p AA – McKnight Room

April 22, 2015

8:45a Golden Agers (use of parking lot)
7:00p-8:00p Girl Scout Meeting – RM 10 (CK)
7:30p Bell Choir

April 23, 2015

8:30a Senior Breakfast at the Cranbury Inn
10:00a Senior Exercise
4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

April 24, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office

April 25, 2015

8:30a Garage Sale – Courtyard (Outreach)
6:00p Youth Group Lock-In - FH

April 26, 2015

9:15a New Member Class - Lib
9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR upstairs
5p – 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
6p– 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
8p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study-Church Office